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SUBJECT: AFGHAN PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF UNFDAC EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR REXED

1. SUMMARY: THE PENDING AUGUST 20 TO 24 VISIT TO
AFGHANISTAN OF UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BROR REXED
PROVIDES A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO GET ANTI-NARCOTICS
OPERATIONS MOVING AGAIN IN THIS COUNTRY. END OF SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 3, HEDAYATULLAH AKRAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DIVISION
OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER
THAT HE HAD EARLIER THAT MORNING FINALLY SECURED THE
AGREEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO THE PROPOSED
AUGUST 20 TO 24 VISIT OF UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
REXED. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL NOW
ISSUE THE WRITTEN INVITATION TO REXED WHICH HAS
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BEEN REQUESTED BY THE UNDP OFFICE AT KABUL.

3. AKRAM APPEARED TO BE REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC
THAT THE REXED VISIT MIGHT GET THE UN'S ANTI-
NARCOTICS PROGRAMS MOVING AGAIN IN AFGHANISTAN.
HE HAS DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY MINISTRY WHICH PAR-
TICIPATED IN THE PRE-REVOLUTIONARY JOINT COM-

MISSION ON AFGHAN NARCOTICS MATTERS (JCANM) A PACKET OF INFORMATION, CONSISTING OF: (A) EX-UNFDAC/UNDND NARCOTICS ADVISOR MAGNUSSEN'S PROPOSED NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN OF JUNE 1978; (B) A PRECIS BY HIMSELF ON THE HISTORY OF ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN; (C) A COVERING LETTER FROM HIS DIVISION ASKING WHETHER THE ADDRESSEE MINISTRY IS STILL WILLING TO PARTICIPATE ON THE JCANM, AND, IF SO, WHETHER THE MINISTRY WOULD APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (THE MINISTRIES REPRESENTED ON THE OLD JCANM WERE: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE, WATER AND POWER, PLANNING, INTERIOR, AND PUBLIC HEALTH).

4. AKRAM AFFIRMED THAT HIS MINISTRY WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR REXED WITH NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN, AND HAFIZULLAH AMIN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS OTHER SENIOR AFGHAN OFFICIALS.

5. COMMENT: WE JOIN THE UNDP IN REGARDING THE REXED VISIT AS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT REXED SECURE THE UNDERSTANDING, COMMITMENT, AND COOPERATION OF THE HIGHEST AFGHAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADERS IF MEANINGFUL ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS ARE TO GET UNDERWAY IN THIS COUNTRY AGAIN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. MISSION GENEVA'S CONVEYING TO REXED OUR OFFER TO BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE HE DESIRES, AND OUR HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR DUBS DURING HIS VISIT TO KABUL. WE WOULD ALSO WANT TO ASSURE REXED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE UN ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS IN AFGHANISTAN, WORKING THROUGH UNFDAC AND UNDND OFFICIALS HERE. DUBS

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